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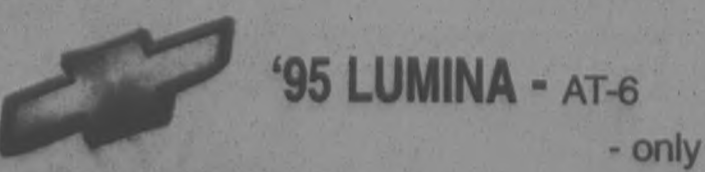
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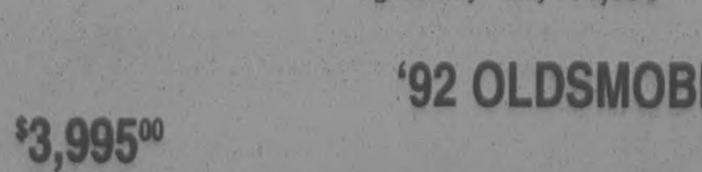
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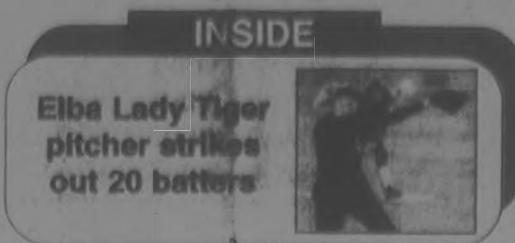


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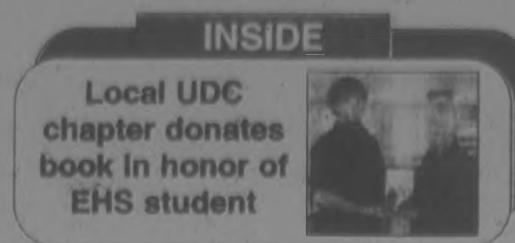
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# The Elba Clipper

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## Elba Council grants tax exemptions to trailer company building plant in Elba

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

On Monday, April 12th, the Elba City Council voted to reappoint three people to the Downtown Redevelopment Authority. They are Linda Hodge, Betty Cox and Van McCall. Each will serve a two year term.

The Elba City Council unanimously approved tax abatements for Bridgeville Trailers Inc., for sales tax on initial start up equipment purchases for the new manufacturing plant and property tax relief for an extended length of time (non educational property taxes).

Locally owned Bridgeville is in the process of opening a trailer manufacturing facility in the former Kleinfelt's building on U.S. Hwy 84 West.

The council also passed two housekeeping resolutions dealing with a \$375,000 Community Development Block Grant proposal. The local match, to be provided by the city, on the work will be \$10,000. The project will be an upgrade of sewer lines in an area including the Mullins Apartments housing project.

Elba Mayor James Grimes explained that the old pipes are in desperate need of replacement.

Monthly bills totaling \$114,938.76 were approved for payment. They include, a \$21,255.07 auditing bill, \$9,708.35 monthly transfer to the Elba City Schools, \$25,246.00 for Municipal Workers Compensation Insurance and \$14,438.43 for Waste Management for contract garbage pick up.

As the meeting closed, Grimes told council members that the Jr. High wing of the old

school is fast becoming an eyesore and uneconomical to repair. He asked council members to consider demolishing the building and said it would be discussed further at a later meeting. Grimes added that he has had several offers from people willing to take down the building for the materials they can salvage from it.

Council members were also told that the levee rehab work would be at least 98 percent completed by May 15th. That includes the major flood gate at the U.S. Hwy 84 East (Pea River) bridge.

## NB Council holds short meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council held a relatively short meeting Monday evening, April 12, as council members gathered for the regular monthly meeting.

Council members had been looking at the possibility of selling the old Jr. Food Store for several months now, but voted during the council meeting to put this idea on hold.

Mayor Charles Cole said a company representative had shown interest in purchasing the building a few months back, but attempts to contact him since that time had failed. Therefore, Cole said it seemed to him the deal was not going to work out.

Council member Vicky Harrison said she would like to put the idea of selling the store on hold until the town can either find a business to move in or get a grant to renovate the building.

Council member Ron McMonagle concurred with this idea, and the council voted unanimously to put the sell of the old Jr. Food Store building on hold until more information can be acquired.

Members of the planning commission urged citizens to

sign up for the housing rehabilitation project. A sign up meeting was held the week prior to the council meeting, and officials reported a good turnout for that meeting.

Due to the importance of applying for the housing rehabilitation grant, Cole said he would like the council to call a special meeting prior to the working group meeting on Monday evening, April 26, at 7 p.m. This special called meeting will allow council members to approve a resolution regarding the housing rehab grant.

Planning commission representatives also reported they are still waiting to hear about a grant to do a feasibility study for an industrial park in New Brockton.

McMonagle provided an update from the New Brockton Senior Citizen Center, and he said the center has some open slots for participants. He said this group is very active with lots of activities planned, and anyone interested in joining the center should do so.

The next regular meeting of the New Brockton Town Council will be Monday, May 10, at 7 p.m. at the New Brockton Town Hall.

## Elba mayor announces intent to seek reelection

Elba Mayor James Grimes announced this week he will seek reelection as mayor during the August municipal elections.

"All of these projects are vital ingredients for Elba's economic development plan," Grimes said. "I believe we have made great strides, and I want to see that progress continued."

Grimes said he is working to see that the streets, about 18-20, effected by the levee rehabilitation project will be resurfaced and brought up to standards. He also said he is excited about the completion of the walking trail atop the levee. This trail will be approximately two miles long and will provide the citizens of Elba a wonderful avenue for outdoor recreation. There will be several different parking areas for the walking trail to make it more convenient and accessible to the citizens.

Grimes added that he is encouraged by the revenue for the city this year with sales tax revenue showing a vast improvement. "A great indicator that the citizens of Elba are shopping at home."

"I have developed a good working relationship with many state and federal agencies," Grimes said. "The staff and leadership of these agencies have worked well with this administration and I am confident the trust I have built up with these vital lifelines for Elba will continue to pay off for the people of Elba."

A lot of positive things are going on in Elba, and Grimes

U.S. Highway 84 make progress within the next few months.

"I want to remain a part of this progress, therefore, I am asking the good people of Elba to allow me to continue my public service," the Mayor said.

The municipal election for the offices of mayor and city council will be Tuesday, Aug. 24. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. that day.

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## Area Happenings

**THE TOWN OF KINSTON AND KINSTON SENIOR CITIZENS** will hold the dedication ceremony and open house of the new Senior Center on Sunday, April 25, beginning at 2 p.m. The center is located at 104 Suzanne Street, Kinston.

**THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** will meet Monday, Apr. 26, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

**COFFEE COUNTY SCHOOLS** announce Kindergarten Registration on the following dates: Wednesday, Apr. 28, at New Brockton Elementary School; Thursday, Apr. 29, at Kinston Elementary School; and at Zion Chapel Elementary School. Registration will be from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m., and in order to enter kindergarten the child must be 5-years-old on or before Sept. 2, 2004. The child needs to attend registration to participate in various screenings. Parents should bring an original copy of the following - birth certificate, social security card, immunization record and proof of residency.

**THE COFFEE COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE** will take place Friday, May 14, at the Enterprise-Ozark Community College starting at 5 p.m. There will be games for the little ones, cooking out and visiting with friends, old and new. The emphasis will be on fighting cancer. It will honor those recovered, those currently fighting, and those who have lost their lives to this terrible disease. The theme this year is "Tune in a Cure." There will be a contest for best depiction of the theme. Motor homes and campers are a common sight at this event.

## NBES welcomes teacher home from Iraq



by Linda Hodge, Editor

Screams and cheers filled the New Brockton Elementary School gymnasium Monday afternoon, April 19, as the students and faculty welcomed home one of their own.

Teacher Linda Lawrence recently returned home from military service in Iraq, and Monday marked her first visit back to New Brockton Elementary since departing more than one year ago.

Lawrence was referred to by her peers as a "very brave and dignified lady." Principal Bob Andrews said he has heard many good things about Lawrence since he took over the helm at the beginning of the current school year, and he looks forward to seeing her in action.

"This is such an emotional day," said Dr. Linda Townsend, former principal of New Brockton Elementary School. "When you left there was not a dry eye. It's an honor to be able to come here and say 'Welcome Home.'"

As Lawrence addressed the students and faculty, she said she is really glad to be back in the United States and New Brockton. "Don't ever take your freedom for granted," she said. "I'll always know how blessed I am to have made it back."

Coffee County Schools superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram also welcomed Lawrence home, she asked everyone to keep Charles Edwards, a teacher from Kinston, in their prayers as he remains away on deployment.

Top: Linda Lawrence is escorted by principal Bob Andrews through a line of N.B.E.S. students. Lawrence received a several minute standing ovation as she entered the school gymnasium Monday afternoon. Above: Several teachers presented Lawrence with some "welcome home gifts" as they performed a skit in her honor. Seated next to Lawrence is her mother, Ruby Lawrence.

## Paul Sherling announces candidacy for District Judge

Paul Sherling has qualified in the Republican primary for District Court Judge in Coffee County.

Sherling, a fifth generation native of Coffee County, graduated from Enterprise High and later attended Enterprise State Junior College on a Fine Arts Scholarship. After transferring to Auburn University, Sherling graduated in 1992 with a Bachelor of Arts. Sherling then went on to receive his Juris Doctorate from Mississippi College in 1996. From 1997 to 1999, Sherling was an Assistant District Attorney and the assigned prosecutor for Coffee County District Court. He also tried and obtained numerous

felony jury trial convictions as an Assistant District Attorney for Coffee and Pike Counties.

In January 1999, Sherling left the District Attorney's office and went into private practice in Lee County, opening a law office with two other partners that has continued to thrive. In April 2001, Sherling and his wife returned to their roots in Coffee County where he opened his own practice. In January 2003, Sherling was appointed Municipal Judge for the City of Enterprise where he continues to serve in that capacity.

As a practicing attorney and Municipal Court Judge, Paul has worked hard to maintain these high standards of equal and fair justice for all. Paul Sherling's

experience as a Judge, prosecutor and litigator includes every kind of case from traffic offenses and child custody, to executing sentences in domestic violence cases.

As a judge, Paul Sherling has proven to be both effective and efficient. He has implemented a new docket system that keeps up with the high case load, and will save taxpayers thousands annually.

Sherling has also been specially appointed to hear cases as a Municipal Judge for the City of Dothan.

In November 2003, Sherling was also appointed Deputy Attorney General by Bill Pryor. Sherling is married to the former Heidi Morgan of Enterprise, who is a second grade teacher in the Enterprise City Schools. They have one daughter, Mary Elizabeth, who

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**ELBA CITY STREET DEPARTMENT** workers are spending considerable time and effort in improvements on existing city sidewalks which have broken, cracked or are missing sections. Above four workers are shown Tuesday morning, April 20, as they smoothed freshly poured cement on one of several areas of Claxton Avenue slated for repairs. Pictured are (from left): Lee Gideon, Danny Williams, Billy Joe Cain and Troy Gideon.



## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The diet promoting/book writing folks are on the new "Low Carb" kick right now. For sure it hasn't always been that way. A recent e-mail noted there are about 1900 different books out there telling society exactly why this is the very best diet for overweight folks. Of course the next paragraph wanted to sell still another book that is a "goodbook" to dieters. We don't know exactly what is in this latest book but one sentence about low carbs gives a hint and reportedly reads, "It is all a lot of crap." Oh, in the 1970s, the fat was Salt. In the 1980s it was Cholesterol. Then in the 1990s it was Fat and now the thing is Low Carb. Probably the best and surest diet would be the one that laughingly advises "It tastes good, spit it out." Our personal opinion is that any system that cuts calories, in moderation, will stop weight gain and if enough cutting is done we will lose pounds and improve our overall health.

It is hard to predict what will happen with the Alabama Legislature during the remaining weeks of this 2004 regular session. Final approval of the General Fund and Education budgets is looking more and more like a dream during the few remaining days of the session. It continues to amaze us that with all the problems facing the people of Alabama an uncanny amount of time is spent every year on trying to pass a bingo bill (or something) for Milton McGregor and the other two dog track owners.

A shocker coming out of a legislative committee last week was a bill to add a tax to every drug prescription filled in Alabama. If approved it wouldn't have raised all that much money to fill any of the many voids in various state programs. However this tax measure saw a quick death once the bill hit the floor of the House.

The weather is definitely showing the traditional signs of Spring in South Alabama. There are still some cool nights but the day time temperatures are bumping on up around the 80 mark. It will not be many weeks before the tradition of complaining about the heat and humidity returns to Coffee County streets.

The pressure of work, work, work (and maybe a bit of aging) has largely replaced our devotion and long love for fishing. Therefore it is a bit painful to regularly be making and publishing all these pictures of successful fishermen and their heavy strings of fish, still flouncing around as the pictures are being snapped. However we congratulate them all and hope their enjoyment is at least half the thrills we have enjoyed so many times and their memories are treasured as much as our own.

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is I. Sherling is a member of the Enterprise Rotary Club and he and his wife are both active members of First Methodist Church in Enterprise. He has served on the Board of Directors for the March of Dimes, Relay for Life and is presently serving on the Alabama West Florida Conference Pastoral Care and Counseling Committee for the

Methodist Church.

I have enjoyed over the years serving the people as a judge, prosecutor and solo practitioner," Sherling said. "If elected, I will preside over all cases in a fair and impartial manner. By honoring me with your vote on June 1st, I pledge to work hard for the people and to serve with honor."

**Elba Police Report**

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Apr. 12, 2004, investigated the following incidents: two for domestic violence, one traffic accident, one use of false identity to obstruct justice, two for harassment, one driving under the influence, one burglary, four for theft of property, one death investigation, one disorderly conduct and one for 911 hangups.

The following arrests were made: two for domestic violence, one for driving under the influence and one for obstructing justice.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: seven for no insurance, eighteen for speeding, one for a revoked driver's license, four for no proof of insurance, three for not wearing a seat belt, three for a suspended driver's license, two for no driver's license on person, one for an expired tag, one for failure to yield and one for a driver's license violation (learner's license only).

Daily activity highlights for the week are as follows:

**MONDAY, APR. 12** - River stage - 5.01 feet (7:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 149 Stroud Ave. (8:02 a.m.); Domestic disturbance in progress at 588 County Rd. 364 (10:44 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Hwy. 84 E. (12:28 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on Hwy. 84 E. (12:28 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1122 County Rd. 109 (10:27 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, APR. 13** - One vehicle wreck reported on E. Davis St. (12:33 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on E. Davis St. (12:38 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 123 Riverview Dr. (1:02 a.m.); River stage - 5.40 feet (7:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 433 Hwy. 189 S. (8:29 a.m.); Wreck reported on Hwy. 84 E. (1:40 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on Hwy. 84 E. (1:42 p.m.); Coffee County

**WEDNESDAY, APR. 14** - Domestic disturbance reported at 365 County Rd. 401 (12:19 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2754 County Rd. 239 (5:47 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1713 Stouddemere St. (6:35 p.m.); Accident reported at 1123 Guyton St. (7:44 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, APR. 15** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1905 County Rd. 148 (7:57 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 375 Hwy. 203 (10:39 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Coffee County Jail (12:01 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, APR. 16** - Disturbance reported at 365 County Rd. 401 (12:19 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2754 County Rd. 239 (5:47 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1713 Stouddemere St. (6:35 p.m.); Accident reported at 1123 Guyton St. (7:44 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, APR. 17** - Disturbance reported at 514 Smith Ave. (1:13 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on County Rd. 376 (2:36 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 617 Mullins (5:09 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, APR. 18** - Disturbance reported at 1225 Farris Ave. (2:51 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Winkler Ave. (7:58 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Elba Villas (11:45 p.m.).

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• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday Community Room in Farm Center Complex in New Brockton

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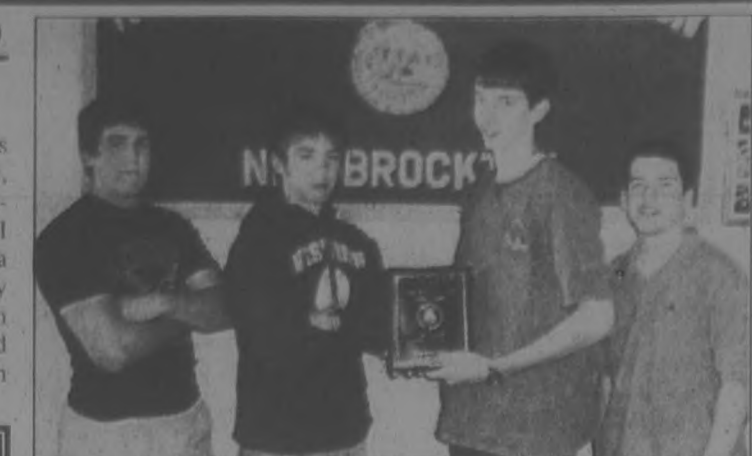
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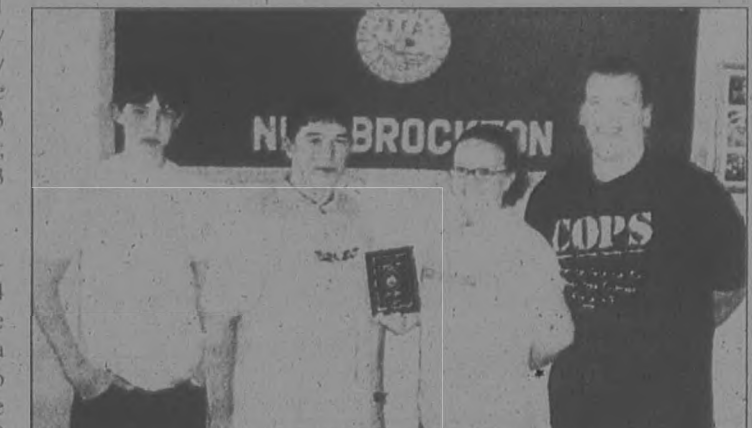
• NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.



The New Brockton High School FFA Forestry team placed 1st in Coffee County FFA competitions. Team members are (L-R) Tanner Medley, Drew Donaldson, David Anderson, and Bradley Nichols. David Anderson had the top individual score in the contest. The team will move on to represent Coffee County in the south district competition.



The New Brockton High School FFA Land Team placed 1st in Coffee County FFA competitions. Team members are (L-R) Brittney Donaldson, Whitney Donaldson, Ashlee Caylor, and Hilary Mock. Brittney Donaldson had the top individual score in the contest. The team will move on to represent Coffee County in the south district competition.

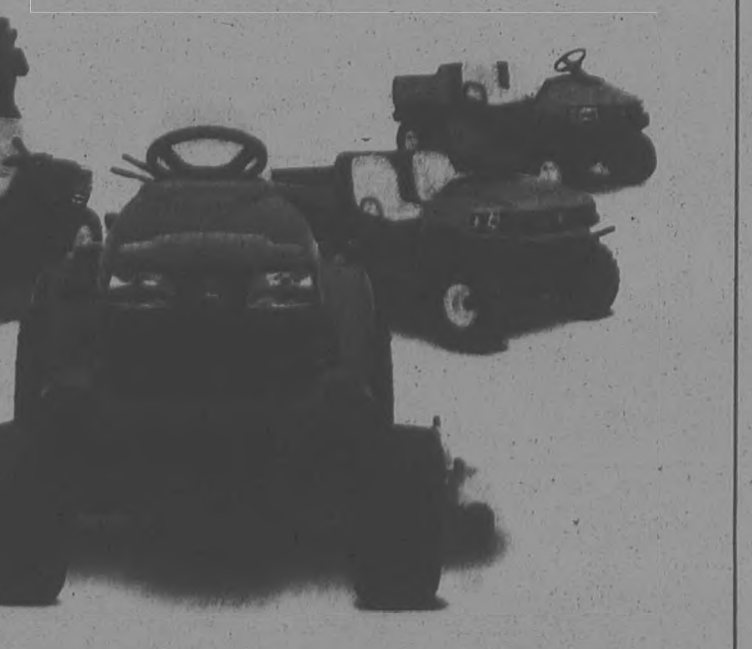


The New Brockton High School FFA Livestock Team placed 2nd in Coffee County FFA competitions. Team members are (L-R) Heath Hollis, Adam Crosby, Brittany Thomaston, and Brandon Grissold.

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Dear Editor,

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I am proud to show my support for the candidate of my choice and when I agree to post a yard sign in my front yard in support of my chosen candidate, I am angered when someone removes my sign without my permission. This is my right and my way of helping my candidate run for office. I would not think of removing another candidate's sign from a neighbor's yard. This is trespassing and uncalled for, not to mention added expense for the candidate.

To win a fair race is something to be proud of. To those who are stealing yard signs I ask that you stop! And conduct yourselves in a professional manner, that your candidate would be proud of.

Jackie Phillips  
Enterprise, AL 36330-3616

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**National Security  
Group declares  
quarterly dividend**

The board of directors of the National Security Group, Inc., declared a quarterly dividend of \$24 per share at its meeting on April 15, 2004. This represents an annual indicated dividend rate of \$84 per share. This cash dividend is payable on May 31, 2004 to shareholders of record May 3, 2004.

**ANNE RUTH OSBORNE**  
Ms. Anne Ruth Osborne, age 72, died recently.

Services were held April 20, 2004 at Sixth Avenue Baptist Church in Florala, AL with Rev. E.L. Powell officiating. Burial followed at Greenwood Cemetery of Florala with Hammond Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include three daughters: Bobbie (Marvin) Bryant and Hattie (John) Appkins of Florala; and Debra Lewis of Fort Worth, TX, one son, Kenneth (Mary) Osborne of Decatur, GA, three sisters: Minnie (James) Small of Flowerview, Catherine Bryant of DeFuniak, FL, and Betty (Paul) Moore of Canton, FL, five brothers: Hillard Goldsmith Jr. of Panama City, FL, Robert (Helen) Goldsmith of Andalusia, AL, 13 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

**MINNIE BAILEY**  
Ms. Minnie Bailey, age 90, died April 9, 2004 at the Elba General Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held April 15, 2004 at Coleman Funeral Home Chapel of Elba with Rev. Dr. Y. J. Coleman officiating. Coleman Funeral Home directed the services.

Survivors include one brother: Cecil Adams, and one sister: Catherine Johnson.

**RUTH ANN DEBOER**  
Mrs. Ruth Ann DeBoer, age 53, of Elba, AL, died April 16, 2004 in Elba.

Services were held April 19, 2004 in St. Michael's National Cemetery with Rev. Gene Boyd officiating.

Mrs. DeBoer was preceded in death by her husband, Walter K. DeBoer.

Survivors include one daughter: Donna Huntsman, Atlanta, GA, two sons: Daniel DeBoer and David Ted DeBoer, both of Elba; one sister: Robbie

Starling, Smiths Station, AL, two brothers: Edgar Glenn Allen, Elba, Terron Russell of Dunsford, Conn.; and seven grandchildren.

**DR. LUTHER BANCROFT COOPER SR.**  
Dr. Luther Bancroft Cooper Sr., age 82, of Enterprise, AL, died April 15, 2004 at Medical Center Enterprise.

Dr. Cooper was Methodist by faith and a member of Elba United Methodist Church.

Memorial services were held at Elba United Methodist Church, Saturday, April 17, 2004 with full Military Honors.

The Rev. John I. Baxter and Mr. Robert Inman officiated.

The family of Dr. Cooper requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Elba United Methodist Church, 503 West Davis Street, Elba, AL 36323; or the University of Alabama School of Medicine, UAB Gift Records Office AB 1230, 1530 rd. Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35294-0112.

Dr. Cooper was born Dec. 26, 1924 the son of Robert L. Cooper Sr. and Nell Bancroft Cooper. After graduation from Elba High School in 1940, he worked in the grocery business until 1942 when he entered the US Army Air Corps. Dr. Cooper flew combat missions in the European Theater of Operations as a fighter pilot in P-47 Thunderbolt. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal 8 Oak leaf Cluster (801C), and the Purple Heart.

After his return stateside, he attended the University of Alabama, Birmingham, earning BS/MS degrees in chemistry and biology which he then taught at UAB while continuing his education. He graduated the

UAB School of Medicine June 1957 and entered into family practice working first in Anniston, Ala. for five years during which time he was called back into the Army Medical Corps. In 1963 he returned to his hometown of Elba. He left family practice in 1984 and for the next 10 years worked in Emergency Medicine. Dr. Cooper was a loved and respected part of the medical community and touched many lives. He was fully aware of the One who bestowed him with his talents, abilities, compassion and love for others.

Dr. Cooper was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Cooper Sr. and Nell Bancroft Cooper, son, Luther Bancroft Cooper Jr., brother, Edwin Cooper, nephew, Eddie Cooper, sister, Emma Margaret Inman, brother-in-law, L.F. (Sonny) Inman, sister-in-law, Louise Cooper, and father-in-law, Isaac J. White.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Virginia Cooper, and his children: Victoria Cooper, Luke Cooper and Matthew Cooper, all of Enterprise; his children: Conya Needles, Nokesville, VA, Charvona Cooper Brown, Enterprise.

Mr. Carroll was preceded in death by a wife, Bonnie Nicholson Carroll, a son, Terrell Carroll, son-in-law, Ted Vaughan, son-in-law, Joe Walls, and a sister, Sara Brown.

Survivors include his wife, Lena Mae Carroll, New Brockton, four daughters: Ella Jean Vaughan, Peggy (Paul)

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I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, meals and other acts of kindness during my recent illness. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered and appreciated. Please continue to remember me in your prayers.

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Ala., Cecelia Cooper Mobley, Memphis, TN, Hildreth Lee Cooper, Panama City, FL, one brother, Robert Cooper Jr. (Auntie Carroll), both of New Brockton, a daughter-in-law, Norma Sue Carroll, Millbrook, AL, 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

**MARVIN LEE CARROLL**  
Mr. Marvin Lee Carroll, age 94, of New Brockton, AL, died April 18, 2004 at the Elba Nursing Home.

He was a lifelong resident of Pike and Coffee County, a retired farmer, and a deacon of the Bethany Baptist Church for more than 50 years.

Funeral services were held April 20, 2004 at Bethany Baptist Church with Rev. Mike Temkin and Rev. John I. Baxter officiating. Burial followed in the New Brockton City Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing. The deacons of the Bethany Baptist Church served as honorary pallbearers.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bethany Baptist Church Building Fund, 1805 County Road 533, New Brockton, Alabama 36351.

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## SPORTS

Views from...

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Now that Melanie has caught her twenty-one year-old sister in size it looks like Dad could save some money as they take turns wearing, each others clothes. While they do wear each others clothes, I haven't seen any savings and so far the only real result I have seen is that they seem to only wear each others clothes when the other wants to wear them. Maybe if I made out a calendar and let them write down their clothing choices for the week they could avoid the arguments, but even then I am sure any change in the weather would cause some problems. Hey, I thought jeans were jeans!

## FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers lost to Straughn 8-1 last week in the area championship game and that means they will carry a 5-12 record with this week on the road as they head up to North Alabama to compete in the opening round of the state playoffs. The game was delayed by rain, and when it finally did start the Tigers couldn't find the handle on the wet ball as they made numerous errors in the opening inning and allowed Straughn to grab a lead it would never relinquish. The Tigers batted the ball all over the park the next day as they scored 12 runs and collected 13 hits in a high scoring loss to Opp, then closed out the regular season with an impressive 7-1 win on the road over Samson. The Tigers' 5-12 record might not scare anyone in the playoffs. However, these guys are much better than their record indicates and if they can play well in all areas they could pull off a few surprises in post-season play. No wins will come easy in the playoffs, but Elba has the talent and is more than capable of hanging around for a while.

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tigers claimed a big win over Greenville early last week, but then dropped three of four games in a tournament in Dothan as their record slipped to 7-12 on the season. Sophomore pitcher Stephanie Baxley tossed a one-hitter and struck out 20 batters in the nine inning win over Greenville, and even though she was the losing pitcher in all three losses in Dothan, she allowed only one earned run and ten hits in 22 innings of work, while striking out 33 batters. The Lady Tigers' demise over in Dothan was the fact the girls managed only 13 hits in the four games combined and committed 24 errors that led to 18 unearned runs. With the area tournament only a week away it is time for the Lady Tigers to rededicate themselves to playing their best in every game, and if they do they can still make a lot of noise in the post-season party.

\*\*\* The youth baseball and softball leagues finally got the chance to hit the field late last week after a rain out and a "freeze out," and it was easy to see that all the teams were more than ready to hit the field and play a game. All the teams did have a few early-season mistakes due to the usual case of nervousness, but all in all the opening week's action was very well played by all the teams involved. The top performer of the week had to be Courtney Grant, the pitcher of the Stingers in the Dixie Belles Softball League. Grant opened the season by pitching a no-hitter in her team's 22-0 win over the Luverne Phillies and struck out seven batters in only three innings of work. What a way to open the season!

\*\*\* Elba High School will stop taking applications for its head football vacancy this week, and while they have already interviewed at least four candidates for the position, they will close out the interview process next week and try and name its new coach at the school board meeting in May. While there is no doubt the school officials already have a "short list" of potential coaches, the biggest job is still yet to come as they try and put together just the right package to get the right man here to lead the program back to the top in high school football circles. High School athletics is a major source of pride both at the school and in the community, and I hope the school officials make a decision that will help give the school and the community something to brag about.

\*\*\* In closing...I talked with a couple of Elba citizens last week and they were in total agreement that it is past time to honor former Elba Tiger head coach Mark Wood. Coach Wood won over 150 games in his 17 years at the Elba helm and led his team to two state championships, and when he left the Elba High football program was second to none in the state, regardless of size. While plans are still in the early stages, we all hope that the Elba High supporters will join together and at a home game this season will honor the man that did more for Elba Tiger football than any coach in Elba football history. He deserved much more than a hand shake when he retired.

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## Close regular season with big win

## Elba Tigers roll past Samson 7-1

The Elba Tigers closed out their regular season on Thursday afternoon in Samson and posted an easy 7-1 win over the Samson Tigers.

The win gave the Tigers a record of 5-12 heading into this week's opening round of the state baseball playoffs.

Elba failed to score in the top of the first inning, but moved on top 1-0 in the second when Derrick Thomas led off with a double and later scored on an RBI single by Clark Skinner. The Tigers continued to light up the scoreboard in the third as they played three runs to grab a 4-0 advantage.

The third inning got off to a slow start as LaRay Williams walked and was forced out at second on a grounder off the bat of Matthew Curran. However, Ralston Moore, Derrick Thomas and Clark Skinner all delivered consecutive RBI doubles, and the Tigers were in command with a 4-0 lead in the top of the third inning.

Elba stranded runners on first

and third in the fourth, but added two runs in the sixth to increase its lead to 6-0. A lead-off single by Aaron Harelson ignited the late Tiger rally, while LaRay Williams blasted a two-out, two-run homer to up the Elba lead to 6-0!

Ralston Moore singled and later scored on a fielder's choice in the top of the seventh to up the Elba lead to 7-0, and the Tigers easily held on in the bottom of the frame to claim the 7-1 win.

Derrick Thomas had 3 hits, including 2 doubles, and scored 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Ralston Moore also added 2 hits and scored 2 runs. LaRay Williams had 2 hits, including a two-run homer, and Clark Skinner added 2 hits and collected 2 RBI's. Getting one hit was Aaron Harelson. Steven Driggers got the win on the mound as he pitched seven innings and allowed 1 run, no earned runs, on 3 hits, 2 walks and 2 hit batters, while striking out 7.



Elba's Clark Skinner (4) rounds first after ripping a double to the fence. The Tigers closed out the regular season last week with a big 7-1 win over Samson.

## Elba Tiger golfers win four-team match over trio of Dothan teams

The Elba Tiger golf team competed in two matches last week and posted one win and one third place finish.

The Tigers opened the week's action at the Dothan Country Club and shot a 331 to claim first place in a four-team match. Elba's Colby Capps took medalist honors with a 75, followed by Jake Creel, of Northview, with a 75; Northview placed second in the team standings with a 339, followed by Dothan High 345 and Houston Academy 360.

The Tigers hosted a four-team match on Thursday afternoon and placed third. Houston Academy won the event with a score of 3-3, followed by Andalusia 311, Elba 319 and Charles Henderson 352. Elba's Colby Capps fired a 71 to share medalist honors with Andalusia's Roger Caffey and Houston Academy's Glenn Northcutt.

## Mike Hussey takes checkered flag in feature at SAS racing

By Mark Chisum

Mike Hussey took what was given and went home the winner in Saturday night's Super Stock Feature at South Alabama Speedway. Hussey sat back in third spot and watched as Heath Mills and Scotty Anderson battled for the front spot. On lap 15, contact coming out of turn two sent Mills around, and both he and Anderson were sent to the rear. Hussey inherited the lead but the race was far from over. Hussey moved out to a comfortable lead, but Mills and Anderson were making their way through the field to challenge Hussey. On lap 21, while battling for second, Anderson jumped inside of Mills coming out of two and again the two made contact, this time collecting Todd Blackburn. Anderson and Blackburn were through for the night, while Mills rejoined the fray at the back of the pack. Mills made a strong charge to the front again and caught back up to Hussey with two laps to go. Hussey held his line, forcing Mills to look to the outside to make his bid for the win. Going into the final two turns, Mills pulled even on the outside, but with the preferred line, Hussey pulled away coming to the stripe. Hussey beat Mills to the checkered flag by half a car length.

Ken Pettis came across third, which was an amazing feat in itself. When the initial green flag flew, Pettis sat in the pits while his crew worked on his engine. With a couple of restarts before a lap was completed, Pettis' crew was able to finish their work and he joined the field at the rear while losing a lap. Jacob Fernerster was fourth and Anderson credited with fifth. In the Vintage Feature Ted Shores led flag to flag to take the win, but had to hold off the challenges of Teddy Sasser and Phillip Anderson. Shores enjoyed a comfortable lead early in the race while Sasser and Anderson made their way through traffic. With the aid of a couple of cautions, Sasser and Anderson were able to close to Shores' bumper and the fight was on. Shores' biggest advantage was that Sasser and Anderson were battling each other as well. Shores was able to hold his advantage throughout

the race. On the final lap, Sasser and Anderson split a lapped car with Anderson grabbing the runner up spot. Duane Bates took fourth, while Jason Windham was fifth. Kevin Peel led all the way to take the win in the Modified Feature. Ken Gibson finished second ahead of Jamie Ater and Cameron Page. Derek Deese grabbed the lead on lap five and went on to win the Street Stock Feature. Harold Hurt led the first four laps before Deese moved on the inside to take away the point. Scott Morse followed Deese through the field and chased Deese the whole race. However, with the race going green the entire 25 laps, Deese was able to steadily pull away and won by half a straightaway. Hurt slid to third in the final order with Charles Cotton fourth and Greg Adams fifth.

In the Roadrunner Feature, the cars came across the stripe in one order but the official finish had a totally different look. Mike Jordan led all 20 laps, beating Jerry Hudson to the line. However, Jordan refused to restart down in post race inspection, giving the win to Hudson who passed tech. Danny Monaghan also passed tech and moved from third to second. It took a while to get an official third place finisher as the next three finishing cars, John Singletary, Danny Parmer, and Donald Drake, were also disqualified. Finally, Bobby Monaghan passed and was awarded third place. Fourth and fifth went to Bill Walden and Lee Monaghan.

For more information, contact the track at (334) 565-3539 or visit the track's web site at [www.southalabamaspeedway.com/](http://www.southalabamaspeedway.com/).

**Women's softball tournament set for Enterprise**

The Enterprise Department of Parks and Recreation will host an ASA Women's Softball Tournament on April 30-May 1 at the Enterprise Sports Complex. The tournament will be a pool play event with each team guaranteed four games, and three home-runs will be allowed for all classes. Entry fee is \$180, with core 44 softballs to be provided. Entry deadline is April 30 at 5:00 PM. To enter call 348-2680.

## Tigers drop home games to Straughn and Opp

The Elba Tigers hit the field twice in early week baseball action last week and saw their record slip to 4-12 with losses to Straughn 8-1 and Opp 20-12.

Following are highlights of both games:

STRAUGHN 8  
ELBA 1

The Elba Tigers saw their area title hopes vanish under a sea of early-inning errors on Monday afternoon as they fell to the Bobcats 8-1 in Elba.

Straughn combined one hit with four Elba errors to jump out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning, then used back-to-back doubles to up its lead to 4-0 in the third. Elba cut the lead to 3-1 in the bottom of the fifth on a solo home run by LaRay Williams and appeared to be ready to make a run for the title; however, Straughn answered with two unearned runs in the sixth to extend its lead to 5-1 and then played three runs in the seventh to pull away and post the 8-1 win.

Matthew Curran had 3 hits to lead Elba at the plate. Thomas added 2 hits and LaRay Williams hit a solo home-run. Also getting one hit were Derrick Thomas and Adam Spicer. Derrick Thomas took the loss on the mound as he allowed nine runs, three earned runs, on 10 hits, and two walks, while striking out 6 batters.

OPP 20  
ELBA 12

The temperature may have been cold last Tuesday afternoon at Tiger Field in Elba, but the bats were red hot for both teams as Elba and Opp combined for 32 runs on 26 hits in the first nine innings of the game. The Bobcats won by the Opp Bobcats 20-12.

The Tigers trailed 1-0 after the top of the first, but plated two runs in their half of the inning to grab an early 2-1 advantage. A one-out single by Matthew Curran ignited the opening inning fireworks, while back-to-back doubles by Derrick Thomas and Adam Spicer drove in two runs to give Elba the early lead.

Opp managed only two hits in the second inning, but combined the hits with three walks, two hit batters and three Elba errors to plate seven runs as the Bobcats moved ahead 8-2. Elba was also ready to hit in its half of the second and combined three hits with two walks to cut the Opp lead to 8-5. A one-out double by Lance Suttley started the second inning rally, while Matthew

Curran and Derrick Thomas, both delivered key RBI singles as the Tigers cut into the Bobcat advantage.

Opp failed to score in the third, but the Tigers kept on lighting up the scoreboard as they scored three runs on four hits to catch the Bobcats at 8-8. The inning started slowly for Elba as Clark Skinner was forced out at second after a lead-off single, but Lance Suttley followed with a single and after the Bobcats booted a grounder off the bat of Steven Driggers, LaRay Williams and Matthew Curran both came through with clutch RBI singles as the Tigers pulled even at 8-8 after three wild innings!

Neither team scored in the fourth inning, but Opp combined three hits with one walk and two errors in the fifth to plate five runs and regain the lead at 13-8. The Bobcats added three runs in the sixth as their lead grew to 16-8; however, Elba refused to quit and plated two runs in its half of the sixth to pull within 16-10. A lead-off single by Derrick Thomas opened the door for the Tiger rally, while a walk to Adam Spicer enabled Elba to cut into the Bobcat advantage.

The Bobcats continued their late-inning onslaught in the top of the seventh as they combined two hits three walks to score four runs and moved on top 20-10. Elba went down swinging in its half of the seventh as LaRay Williams went out on a sacrifice fly, while Matthew Curran walked, and both later raced home on a two-run double by Ralston Moore. The Tigers stranded two runners on base in the inning, and when the third out was finally made it was Opp that claimed the 20-12 win.

Matthew Curran had 3 hits and scored 3 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Derrick Thomas added 3 hits, scored 2 runs and knocked in 2 runs. Lance Suttley added 2 hits and scored 2 runs, while LaRay Williams had 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Adam Spicer and Steven Driggers both added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Ralston Moore added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Clark Skinner pitched four innings and allowed four runs and three hits, while striking out seven batters.

"We faced good competition," said Elba's Coach Amelia Rhoades, "and even though we were all disappointed with the three losses, it did us good to play and we should be better down the road because of the experience we got. We didn't hit the ball well enough with runners on base to score enough runs to win against the level of competition we faced in the tournament, and made way too many errors to win close games. After almost twenty games we should be ready to peak, but we are still making way too many mental and physical errors and must focus on each and every game we have left to get us ready for the area tournament."

Following are highlights of the tournament games:

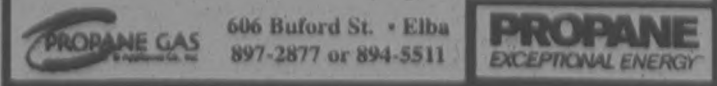
WEWAHITCHKA 5  
ELBA 2

The Elba Lady Tigers opened the tournament on Friday night against Florida's top ranked Wewahatchka Gators and watched as the Gators scored three runs in their final at-bat to defeat the Lady Tigers 5-2. Wewahatchka scored two unearned runs in three Elba errors in the top of the second inning to grab a 2-0 lead, but the Lady Tigers rallied in the bottom of the third and plated two runs to pull even at 2-2. Kristen Barnes reached on a one-out error to start the Elba rally, while Stephanie Baxley and Haleigh Duncan both followed with RBI singles to help Elba pull even. The score remained tied until the final frame, when Wewahatchka combined one hit with one walk and three Elba errors to push across three unearned runs to pull ahead and

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Elba Lady Tiger pitcher Stephanie Baxley tossed a one-hitter and struck out 20 batters last week in a nine-inning performance in Elba's 5-4 win over Greenville.

## In win over Greenville

## Elba's Baxley strikes out 20

The Elba Lady Tigers hosted the Greenville Lady Tigers last Monday afternoon and avenged two early-season losses to their visitors by posting an exciting 5-4 win in nine innings.

Neither team managed a hit over the first four innings as the scoreboard appeared to be stuck at 0-0, and while neither team got a hit in the fifth, both teams did get on the scoreboard as Elba moved on top 2-1.

Greenville scored in the top of the fifth thanks to a walk and an Elba error, while the Lady Tigers bounced back to take the lead at 2-1 in the bottom of the fifth. Haleigh Duncan was hit by a pitch to open the bottom of the fifth for Elba, and quickly moved around to third on passed ball and an error on a throw to second. Duncan raced home on a ground out by Jessica Danford, and Elba later went on

to claim the 5-2 win. Stephanie Baxley and Haleigh Duncan both had 1 hit to lead Elba, while Baxley was the losing pitcher despite allowing only one earned run and striking out seven batters.

Elba 4  
P. HOME 3

The Elba Lady Tigers began tournament play on Saturday with a 4-3 win over the Pleasant Home Lady Eagles. Pleasant Home combined one hit with three Elba errors to jump out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first, but Elba rallied in the bottom of the first and scored one run thanks to two Lady Eagle errors to cut the lead to 3-1. Jessica Danford singled to open the third inning for Elba, moved to second on a wild pitch and then moved to third when Malloy entered the game. Malloy pitched a sacrifice bunt, Danford scored on a fielder's choice off the bat of Kristen Barnes, while Stephanie Baxley followed with a double and later scored on a fielder's choice off the bat of Melanie Mularz as Elba pulled even at 3-3. The score remained tied until the bottom of the seventh, when pinch hitter Tunisia Thigpen led a triple down the right field line and scored on an infield error to give the Lady Tigers the 4-3 win.

Kristen Barnes, Stephanie Baxley, Tunisia Thigpen and Jessica Danford all had 1 hit to lead Elba at the plate, while Stephanie Baxley was the winning pitcher as she pitched seven innings and allowed no earned runs on one hit, with 10 strikeouts.

ENTERPRISE 3  
ELBA 2

The Elba Lady Tigers saw a late rally fall one run short as they fell to the Enterprise JV 3-2, on Saturday afternoon. Enterprise pushed across an unearned run in both the first

and second innings to move ahead 2-0, and added its third unearned run in the sixth to push its advantage to 3-0. The Lady Tigers trailed 3-0 heading into the seventh, but rallied and scored two runs to pull within 3-2. Haleigh Duncan reached on an error to open the inning and promptly stole second, then raced home on an RBI single by Melanie Mularz to put the Lady Tigers on the scoreboard.

Mularz moved to third on a sacrifice bunt by Greta Robinson and scored on a passed ball to cut the Enterprise lead to 3-2. However, the next two Elba batters went down swinging as the Lady Tigers fell 3-2.

Lacy Carlile had 2 hits to lead Elba, while Kristen Barnes, Melanie Mularz and Ayonna Proctor all added 1 hit. Stephanie Baxley was the losing pitcher as she pitched six innings and allowed no earned runs on three hits, while striking out 11 batters.

LIBERTY CO. 10  
ELBA 0

The Elba Lady Tigers closed out tournament action late Saturday afternoon with a 10-0 loss to Liberty County High, while Stephanie Baxley was the losing pitcher as she pitched two unearned runs in the fifth and then scored one in the sixth to put the game away and win 10-0.

Lacy Carlile and Amanda Pope both got 1 hit to lead Elba, while Stephanie Baxley was the losing pitcher as she pitched two unearned runs in the fifth and then scored one in the sixth to put the game away and win 10-0.

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## Grant hurds no-hitter

## Youth leagues open season

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation opened its baseball and softball seasons last week with plenty of action in all games.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

## SOFTBALL

\*\*\* Stingers 22 Luverne Phillies 0 - The Stingers scored 15 runs in the top of the first inning to take command and rolled to a 22-0 win over the Luverne Phillies in Dixie Belles softball action. Brittany Cardwell got 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Stingers at the plate, while Haley Stinson added 1 hit and scored 3 runs. Also getting 1 hit were Alyssa Walden, Kayla Miller, Chessie Cross, Brittany Caldwell, Courtney Grant and Shamba Jones. Courtney Grant was the winning pitcher as she pitched a no-hitter and struck out 7 batters in only three innings.

## BASEBALL

\*\*\* Giants 8 Mets 1 - The Giants scored all their runs in

Registration set for Post 80 baseball

The American Legion Post 80 baseball program will hold registration soon. Players interested for the junior team must be 17 years old or young prior to Aug. 1, 2004. Players wanting to register for the senior team must be 19 years old or younger prior to Jan. 1, 2005. For more information contact Larry Porwell at 222-8979 or 488-3232 or 222-7641.

## Golf tourney will benefit local Army Emergency Relief

Registrations are now available by phone for the four-person scramble to benefit Army Emergency Relief. All golfers are eligible.

The \$45 per person entry fee includes cart, green fees, and a sign-up gift (golf umbrella).

To register simply call 598-4411 and select either Joel Faulk (ext. 1306) or Ken Long (ext. 1211) to register.

Tournament co-chair Joel Faulk says this is the 14th year the Army Aviation Center Federal Credit Union has supported the AER scramble.

"We just feel that now, more than ever, it's important to support soldiers through AER, with all that's going on," he said.

Final registration opportunity will be May 14 at 11 a.m. at the Silver Wings course here, with the shotgun start scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

The prize assortment includes the top ten places, a special award for the top battalion team, longest drive, and two cash prizes for closest to the pin.

A hole in one wins the golfer's choice of either a new 2004 Dodge Neon or a new 2004 Mazda 3, provided by Mitchell Mazda and Tim Whitehead-Chrysler-Plymouth-Dodge-Jeep, sponsored by NewGround Resources, Inc. The winner must select one of the cars - cash is not an option.

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the opening two innings and held on to defeat the Mets 8-1, in Dixie Minor baseball action. Bo Wiggins had 1 hit to lead the Giants, which took advantage of 11 walks, while Brennan Schindler scored 2 runs, Seth Hanchey, Jordan Williams and Jordan McDaniel all had 1 hit for the Mets, while Brantson Bowers scored the lone Mets run.

\*\*\* A's 11 Yankees 3 - The A's pulled ahead in the third inning and then pulled away to defeat the Yankees 11-3, in Dixie Youth baseball action. Devin Jackson, Ryan Pope and Michael Spurlin all had 2 hits to lead the A's, while Janzen Flowers and Ben Pope both added 1 hit and Sandarius Reed scored 3 runs. Kevin Allen had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Yankees, while Justin Mallory added 1 hit.

\*\*\* ZC Red 5 Gamecocks 3

The Zion Chapel Red pulled out to an easily 4-0 lead and held on late to down the Gamecocks 5-3, in Dixie Boys baseball action. Chase Perkins had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the ZC Red, while Ethan Mount, Jeremy Sneed and Casey Grantham all added 1 hit. Shane Adkinson and David Stinson both had 1 hit for the Gamecocks.

\*\*\* Elba 7 ZC Gray 6 - Elba scored 2 runs in its final at-bat to sneak past the Zion Chapel Gray 7-6, in Dixie Boys baseball action. Richard Cooks had 3 hits and scored 1 run to lead Elba, while Bradley Wilson added 2 hits and scored 3 runs and Dylan McCollough and Graham Morrow both added 1 hit. Matt Brunson had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Gray, while Joe Davis added 1 hit and Kendall Chappell scored 2 runs.

High School Baseball & Softball  
DIAMOND DUST

\*\* BASEBALL \*\*

## Zion Chapel blanks Houston County 4-0

Josh Smith tossed a three-hit shutout last Monday afternoon to lead the Zion Chapel Rebels to a 4-0 win over the Houston County Lions. Macon Hodge had 3 hits to lead the Rebels at the plate, while Zach Legg, Brandon Taylor, Jason Danley and D.J. Stinson all added 1 hit.

## New Brockton falls to Geneva County 11-1

The New Brockton Gamecocks hosted the Geneva County Bulldogs last Tuesday afternoon and dropped an 11-1 decision. Trent Baxley and Heath Parker both had a double to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, while Wes Windham led Geneva County as he pitched a three-hit and struck out nine batters.

## Kinston Bulldogs tripped up by Florida 15-9

The Kinston Bulldogs saw an early lead vanish as the Florida Wildcats rallied to claim a wild 15-9 win, last Tuesday afternoon in Florida. Shawn Brantley and Cole Meeks both had 3 hits to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while J.T. Wiggins and Shawn Miller both added 2 hits. Robby Evans had 2 hits, including a home-run, to lead Florida.

## Brantley Bulldogs power past Eagles 22-2

The Brantley Bulldogs traveled to Pleasant Home last Tuesday afternoon and rolled to an easy 22-2 win. Jonathan Helms had 3 hits, including two triples, and knocked in 9 runs to lead the Bulldogs at the plate. Isaac Edgar and Brent Carter both had an RBI single for the Eagles.

## Kinston Bulldogs outscore Gamecocks 11-9

The Kinston Bulldogs got back in the win column Thursday afternoon by posting a wild 11-9 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks. Shawn Brantley, Garrett Parker, J.T. Wiggins, Shawn Miller and Josh Driver all collected 2 hits to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Keith Tew got the win on the mound.

## Kinston Bulldogs outscore Pleasant Home 14-11

The Kinston Bulldogs clinched a berth in this week's state baseball playoffs on Friday afternoon by outscoring the Pleasant Home Eagles 14-11, in Kinston. Keith Tew got the win on the mound in relief of starting pitcher Cole Meeks, while Garrett Parker had 3 hits to lead the Bulldogs at the plate and Shawn Brantley and Shawn Miller both added 2 hits.

## Gamecocks ambush Zion Chapel 16-8

The New Brockton Gamecocks closed out their regular season Friday afternoon by posting a 16-8 upset win over the Zion Chapel Rebels. Garrett Roberts and Heath Parker both had 3 hits to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, while Layton Griffin and Justin West added 2 hits, apiece. Griffin got the win on the mound as he struck out seven batters for the (5-20) Gamecocks. Michael Sneed had 3 hits to lead the (17-10) Rebels and Austin Smith was tagged with the loss.

## Zion Chapel clinches area championship

The Zion Chapel Rebels put the wraps on the area championship Saturday afternoon by claiming a 5-2 win over the Arton Purple Cats, at Arton. Josh Smith tossed a four-hitter and struck out nine batters to get the win on the mound, while Michael Sneed had 3 hits to lead the Rebels at the plate. Brandon Taylor, Macon Hodge and Austin Smith added 2 hits each, while Zach Legg and Jamey White both added 1 hit.

\*\* SOFTBALL \*\*

## Kinston Lady Bulldogs blanked 12-0



## SPORTS

\*\* BASEBALL \*\* SOFTBALL \*\*  
SCHEDULES

## \*\* BASEBALL \*\*

## Dixie Boys Baseball

Thursday, April 22  
In Elba,  
6:00 - Elba vs. Braves  
7:30 - Gamecocks vs. Squadron  
In Luverne,  
6:00 - H. Home vs. ZC Gray  
7:30 - D'Backs vs. ZC Red

Monday, April 26  
In Luverne,

6:00 - Squadron vs. Elba  
7:30 - Braves vs. Gamecocks  
In Brantley,  
6:00 - Brantley vs. D'Backs

Tuesday, April 27  
In Elba,

6:00 - ZC Gray vs. ZC Red  
7:30 - Elba vs. H. Home

Dixie Youth Baseball  
Dixie Minor Baseball

Thursday, April 22  
In Elba,  
6:00 - Mets vs. Samson Gold  
7:45 - Yankees vs. Samson  
In Zion Chapel,  
6:00 - ZC Red vs. Kinston

Friday, April 23  
In New Brockton,

6:00 - Mariners vs. Giants  
7:45 - Cardinals vs. A's  
In Samson,  
6:00 - Samson Blue vs. ZC Gray  
7:45 - Tigers vs. Zion Chapel

Monday, April 26  
In Elba,

6:00 - Giants vs. ZC Red  
7:45 - A's vs. Zion Chapel



HILLARY HOOKS is shown with a string of catfish he recently caught (in a secret private pond). Mr. Hooks reported catching this 30 pounds of fish in about half an hour. The catch was all motivated by a call from one of his sons saying, "Daddy, I need some fresh catfish for a cookout." The response was not "If I can," but "Okay, I will catch them this afternoon."

## A message from...

**RICK HOLLINGSWORTH JR.**  
Candidate For  
**COFFEE COUNTY  
DISTRICT JUDGE**

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## VOTE FOR AND ELECT

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Free Fishing Day  
set for June 12 at  
Alabama lakes

"Free Fishing Day" for Alabama is scheduled for Saturday, June 12, 2004, during National Fishing Week. Approved by the Alabama Legislature, the law allows an annual free day of fishing when residents and non-residents may fish without a fishing license.

The specific date is set each year by the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. "Free Fishing Day is offered to introduce non-anglers to the sport of fishing and to remind former anglers of the fun they've been missing," said Stan Cook, Chief of Fisheries with the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division. "It's a good time to pass on the tradition of a family fun day of fishing to Alabama's youth."

There is an exemption of the usual fishing license requirement on that day. Some lakes may still require fees and permits, and owner's permission is required to fish private ponds.

Tin Man Triathlon  
set for May 1 at  
Ft. Rucker post

Triathletes are now being accepted for the May 1 Tin Man Triathlon at Ft. Rucker, an annual fundraiser for Army Emergency Relief. The event also includes a Duathlon for non-swimmers.

In brief, the Triathlon includes a 1-kilometer swim, a 30-kilometer (18.6-mile) bike race and 10-kilometer (6.2-mile) run. The Duathlon requires a 2-mile run, 30-k bike race and a second run of 10 kilometers (6.2 miles).

Advance entries are \$30 for individuals, \$65 for two-person teams. The first 100 entrants in each event receive a commemorative T-shirt on race day. Registrations on race day are \$5 more.

For advance registrations e-mail:

curtis.harper@rucker.army.mil or call (334) 255-9133.

Enterprise Semi-Pro  
Baseball Team  
3-0 on the Season  
Ages 17 & Up

By Mark Chism

Scotty Anderson and Phillip Anderson, no relation, were victorious in their respective classes Saturday night as South Alabama Speedway began its points season.

Scotty Anderson took the lead from the pole and led all 25 laps to take the win in the Super Stock Feature. Jody Henderson was involved in a lap three wreck, but came back to second before pulling into the pits on lap 19.

Todd Blackburn moved into second when Henderson fell off of the pace, but didn't have anything for Anderson. Jerry Weatherington was third at the checkers, followed by John Weaver and Jacob Permenter.

In the Vintage Feature, Phillip Anderson took the lead from the outside pole and led all 25 laps to take the win. Duane Bates chased Anderson

all race but had to settle for second place. 200s Vintage

Champion Teddy Sasser came from the fifth starting spot to finish third while Jason Windham finished fourth and Travis Watson fifth.

In the Modified Feature, Jamie Ater took the early lead before Ken Gibson took over on lap six. On lap 9, Gibson and Ater got tangled up and spun. Both were sent to the rear with Brett Hanson taking over the lead. Gibson quickly moved back to second with Ater following. On lap 13, Gibson made the winning move getting past Hanson. Ater followed to finish second. Cameron Page finished third with Hanson fourth.

Scott Morse led flag to flag to win the Street Stock Feature. Derek Deese spent the whole race chasing Morse. Deese was able to keep Morse close, but never mounted a serious challenge for the win. Tim Hudson finished third with Charles Cotton fourth and Harold Hurt fifth.

In the Roadrunner Feature, Gary Watson scored an easy win, easily outdistancing the field. After two early cautions slowed the pace, Watson had 16 green laps to pull away from the field. Jerry Hudson came from the sixth starting spot to finish second. By the time Hudson had worked his way through the field, however, Watson was gone. Jason Singletary finished third, followed by Danny Monaghan and Danny Farmer.

In the Mini Sportsman Feature, Rodney Maloy took home the winner's trophy. John Anderson was second, Dwayne Maloy third, Alan Cherry, fourth, and Eric Neudeck fifth.

Action continues next week with heats and feature in the Super Stock, Modified, Vintage, Street Stock, and Roadrunner classes. For more information, contact the track at (334) 565-3539, or visit the track's web site at www.southalabamasppeedway.com/

Let's Go...  
Outdoors with Ben  
by Ben Norman, Sports ColumnistBeginning Fly  
Fishing

Picture this—you have taken your family to the Great Smoky Mountains on vacation. You are sitting on the porch of the motel and watching the rainbow trout rise to devour insects that have just hatched. Mastering the fly rod will enable you to fish trout streams anywhere you travel, to say nothing of the fun you can have locally fishing for bass and bream. There are two ways to become proficient with a fly rod. One is to attend a fly fishing school. With the increased interest in fly-fishing, short course schools are popping up almost everywhere there is trout fishing available. A good school will teach you how to choose the right tackle, how to cast, teach you about the insects fish feed on and how to imitate this food with the proper flies.

The other way to become proficient is to learn on your own or with the help of someone who is proficient with a fly rod. The first step for the do-it-yourselfer is to select the fly rod. Unless you are going to be fishing small streams with heavy brush, which calls for a short rod, you will need a 7 1/2 to 9 foot rod. A 5 or 6 weight rod with the same weight line in an 8 or 8 1/2 foot length is hard to beat. It can be used for most any trout fishing vacation and is ideal for bluegills on an Alabama farm pond. This rig will also suffice for all but the largest bass fishing. If you are going after lunker largemouth you will want to move up into the 8 or 9 weight rods. Fly rods can be bought from \$25 to several hundred dollars. There is nothing wrong with starting with a cheap fiberglass rod, but as your skills improve you will want to move up to a graphite rod.

You don't want to embarrass the family by wading in your old tennis shoes and cut off pants—besides this method can be downright uncomfortable in that cold mountain water. Waders are definitely called for here. Tackle shops have inexpensive waders and the fly fishing vest you will need. While you are there, pick up a small landing net, polarized sunglasses that will help you see lurking fish, an assortment of flies and extra leader and tippet material. Optional equipment will include nail clippers for cutting line, a creel for storing your trout and a thermometer. You will catch more trout when the water temperature is around 60 degrees. If it is much cooler or hotter, you may as well knock off or find water in the desirable range.

What do you do with all this trout fishing gear when you get back to troutless south Alabama? Go bluegill or bass fishing with it. You can use every piece of equipment you purchased to land bass and bluegill right here at home. And beware—once the fly fishing bug bites, it's incurable!

## Make certain drinking water is safe

If you own a water well and wonder whether your water is safe, there's good news. It's never been easier to find out, and a simple water test can help you determine what treatment, if any, is required, according to the National Ground Water Association (NGWA).

There are several options for independently testing your water:

\* A certified laboratory can provide a detailed analysis of your water. Lab services, generally are available by mailing in a sample that you take, or a lab employee may come to your home. Check your local Yellow Pages for drinking water certified labs. Such tests range from less than \$50 to about \$150 for more comprehensive testing.

High School  
PREP SCHEDULE

## \*\* SOFTBALL \*\*

## THURSDAY, APRIL 22

Elba at Opp. (4:00)  
Kinston at Florala (4:30)  
Brantley at McKenzie (4:00)

## MONDAY, APRIL 26

Opp at Brantley (3:30)

## TUESDAY, APRIL 27

Pleasant Home at Elba (4:00)  
Ariton at Kinston (4:30)

## THURSDAY, APRIL 29

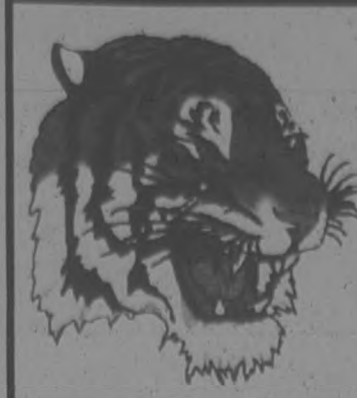
Geneva County at Elba (4:00)  
Kinston at Luverne (4:30)

You are cordially invited to attend  
the 12th Anniversary  
of the  
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## SCHOOLS

Dates  
to  
Remember:

April 24 - Jr./Sr. Prom  
April 27 - Grandparents Day  
May 6 - Honors Day  
May 12 - Seniors' Last Day  
May 16 - Baccalaureate  
May 18 - Graduation

Tiger  
Tales

Editors:  
**Brittany Cooper  
& Christy Eubanks**

## EHS Student Spotlight

by Christy Eubanks

This week's student spotlight is J. J. Farmer. He is the 16-year-old son of Jack Farmer and is a junior at Elba High School.

J.J. is involved in clubs such as VICA and FFA at school and is currently employed at the Elba Marketplace.

In his spare time, he likes to go fishing and play football. After graduation, J. J. plans on attending Troy State University. Then he will go on to attend The University of Alabama where he will pursue a degree in criminal justice.

Congratulations, J. J., and good luck in the future.



J.J. Farmer



PICTURE OF THE WEEK...Hey Brittany...Did you know you have a pen sticking out of your head?!

Varsity cheerleading  
captains chosen

by Anna Harrison

The 2004-05 varsity cheerleading captains were recently chosen.

Traditionally, the squad votes for two senior girls for captain and one junior girl for co-captain. This year things went a little different.

The overall top two scores from the 13 girls' scores were chosen to be captain and the third top score was co-captain.

The total from teacher evaluations, judges score, clinic score and the GPA determine overall scores.

Each category counts a different percentage. (Some policies have been changed after this year's tryouts to make things fairer and to better the squad for the upcoming years.)

Cameron Irwin and Kristin Barnes are the new cheerleading captains and Kendal Stinson is co-captain.

Congrats girls!

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## Scenes from Elba High School's Band Day 2004 held Saturday, April 10



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## DEMOCRAT



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## Jr. Beta students attend state convention

by Mary Katherine Head

On March 18-19, six members of Elba High School's Junior Beta Club, under the supervision of club sponsor Karen Davis, attended the Alabama Junior Beta Club Convention.

The convention was held at the Montgomery Civic Center. While at the convention, the students attended three general sessions where they were able to participate in the selection of state officers and enjoy viewing the state talent competition.

Freshman Katie Cash and three seventh graders, April Finedore, Griffin Cash, and Andrew Head participated in the scholastic competition. Seventh grader Michael Jackson had two entries in the art competition, while Jason Mitchell, also a seventh grader, participated in the spelling bee.



Junior Beta students Andrew Head, Jason Mitchell, Michael Jackson, April Finedore, Griffin Cash and Katie Cash recently attended the Alabama Junior Beta Club Convention in Montgomery.

All of the students had a lot of fun attending the convention and should be commended for their effort to compete at the state level.

## EHS student honored by local UDC chapter

by Katie Driggers



Alex Allen and Margaret Calhoun

Recently, the General Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter of The United Daughters of the Confederacy honored Alex Allen, Elba High School, Valedictorian for the Class of 2004.

The chapter is county wide and has members from Elba and Enterprise. Alex was presented a certificate of merit, and a book of southern history was also placed in the Elba High School library in his honor.

Congratulations Alex on receiving this high honor.

Co-Op  
Spotlight

by Ayonna Procter



This week's co-op spotlight is Rebecca English.

Becca is the 16-year-old daughter of Russell and Jo Ruth English. She is in the junior class at Elba High in which she serves as the class president.

Rebecca also is the VICA vice president, the 2004-2005 dance line captain, an SGA representative, a member of both CCYLP and Sr. Beta, and an EHS Ambassador.

In her free time she enjoys reading, dancing, and most of all, having fun.

Co-op spotlight, right? I thought so. Well, Rebecca is occupied at National Security, and she has been since December of 2003. Her job description calls for her to "prep" files. She enjoys her job a lot, and the fact that she's "in a giant closet" so we (herself and others) can talk and listen to music.

Congratulations Rebecca English on being this week's EHS co-op spotlight.



Elba High School student Meredith English met with Buddy Staring, Dean of Enrollment Management, at the fifth annual Leadership Scholarship Day at Troy State University. The event is designed to bring Leadership Scholarship applicants to TSU for a luncheon and scholarship interviews. Approximately 185 students from 111 high schools and junior colleges attended Leadership Scholarship Day, and scholarships ranging from \$500 to more than \$3,000 a year were awarded.



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'01 EXPEDITION - EDDIE BAUER - leather - moon roof - loaded



'02 FORD F-150 LARIAT - 4wd - supercab - local one owner - extra clean



'02 TRAILBLAZER LTZ - loaded - local trade - top of the line



'00 CHEV Z-71 - ex cab - sharp - must see - AT-8



'02 CHEVROLET EX CAB 4 X 4 - only 27,000 miles - local trade



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'98 FORD F-150 XLT - super cab - AT-8 - great buy



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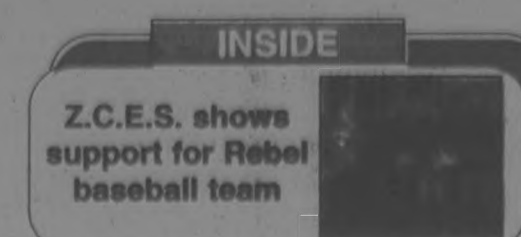
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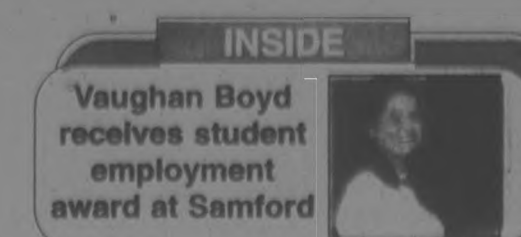
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Z.C.E.S. shows support for Rebel baseball team



Vaughan Boyd receives student employment award at Samford

# The Elba Clipper

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1 Section, 12 Pages Plus 1 Adv. Insert

## 60-hour closing planned next week for Pea River bridge at Highway 84

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Motorists traveling U.S. Highway 84 next week will find themselves taking alternate routes around Elba as the Pea River Bridge at U.S. Highway 84 East will be closed to all traffic beginning Tuesday, May 4, at 6 a.m. and will remain closed until Thursday, May 6, at 6 p.m.

Construction and installation of a flood gate at the bridge is requiring the 60-hour closure while workers complete details allowing the gate to span across the highway as the road slices through the levee.

Motorists are advised to avoid the areas adjacent to the bridge as they will be congested with work trucks, cranes and heavy equipment during this time frame.

Elba Police Chief R.W. Whitworth said Tuesday of this week that plans have been for-

mulated to assure emergency coverage to those residents east of the bridge.

The chief said officials with LJC Construction Company explained that the construction crew will be able at any time to prepare the bridge in a matter of seconds to allow emergency

vehicles (fire, ambulance) to travel across it.

However, he stressed this will only be available to emergency personnel at the time of the emergency.

Whitworth also said there will be officers patrolling the area east of the Pea River bridge during the closure time.

As for other Hwy. 84 traffic, official detour signs will be posted on state roads. The official route for truck traffic traveling Hwy. 84 (from west of Elba) will have motorists detour onto Alabama Highway 189 South (Kinston Highway) and

follow this road to Alabama Highway 134 at Perry's Store. Motorists can either follow Hwy. 134 East to Enterprise or they can tie back into Hwy. 84 before Enterprise by staying on Alabama Highway 87 North when the two state highways converge and follow Hwy. 87 to Hwy. 84 on the east side of Elba.

For local traffic, however, there is an alternate, possibly shorter, route which will not be posted since it involves county roads.

Leaving Elba, motorists can take Herman Driggers Drive off of Alabama Highway 125 to County Road 239. From 239 turn onto County Road 248 (Weeks Bridge Road) which will bring motorists back to Hwy. 84 just west of New Brockton.

Motorist traveling from east to west should reverse the above directions to bypass the three-day Highway 84 closure. Officials said any other questions about the closure should be directed to the City of Elba.

## In regards to Mount Pleasant Senior Citizen Center Commission denies 18-day extension for contractor

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the regular bimonthly meeting of the Coffee County Commission Monday, April 26, construction of the Mount Pleasant Senior Citizen Center

became the main topic as commissioners entertained a request from the contractor.

County administrator Wilson Mobley said the contractor had requested and the architect had recommended the commission consider approving an 18-day rain-day extension to allow the additional work days on the construction of the center.

Commissioners requested a meeting with the architect and contractor at the work site before making a decision; and therefore, voted to recess the commission meeting to allow everyone to meet at the construction site.

Before recessing, Commissioner Jim Thompson recommended the commission consider not trying to build two centers at the same time in the future. He said from the begin-

ning this project has been a cluster.

"Let's just build one at a time if we're going to build them," Thompson said.

Upon returning from the construction site, the regular meeting was called back to order, and a motion was offered to approve the 18-day rain-day extension for the contractor to complete the Mount Pleasant Senior Center.

This motion failed by a 1-4-2 vote.

In other business, the commission:

- \* Voted to award the bid for the publication of the Voters' List to the Southeast Sun for the total amount of \$8,308.

- \* Voted to enter into an agreement with J.M. Wood Auction Company to sell four Mack dump trucks at the company's June auction. In the proposal, J.M. Wood guaranteed \$370,043.28 would be the county's portion from the sale of the trucks.

- \* Voted to authorize the purchase of four new dump trucks off the county's statewide bid to replace the four being sold at auction.

- \* A proposal regarding the sale of motor graders at auction will be discussed at the next commission meeting.

County engineer Randy Tindell said he needed more time to research those proposals.

- \* Voted to allow Tindell and

his staff, at Tindell's discretion, assist the Town of New Brockton with the cutting of brush and trees along the roads within the town limits. Before voting, Dalrymple said he has no problem helping the cities, but the county still has roads in need of cutting. He wanted to make sure it was understood that it may be a long time before Tindell and his staff will be able to assist New Brockton.

- \* Voted to allow the seniors at the Ino Senior Citizen Center to move into the new facility.

- \* Voted to purchase five benches for the walking trail at the New Hope Senior Citizen Center. Commissioner Jessie Lewis also said she is, "grateful for the resurfacing going on in my district."

- \* Voted to write and send a letter on behalf of the commission to Congressman Terry Everett in appreciation for his attending the National Association of Counties Acts of Caring Awards Ceremony in which Coffee County received an Acts of Caring Award for it's Improving the Quality of Life for Seniors program.

Commission chairman Robert Stephens said there are 3,066 counties in the United States and only 24 received awards at this ceremony.

The next commission meeting will be Monday, May 10, at 9 a.m., in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

## REMINDER

The intersection of Alabama Highway 87 (Troy Highway) and Alabama 263 (Byways) is now a 4-way stop. Motorists are advised to use extreme caution during the transition phase.



**TOTAL LOSS.** This mobile home was totally engulfed in flames long before firefighters arrived on the scene Tuesday morning, April 27. However, volunteer firemen from both the Union Grove and Elba fire departments responded and extinguished the blaze before it could spread to nearby facilities. The trailer was located just west of Friendship Grocery and reportedly occupied by Kenny Wade.

## Elba Council hears explanation for Hwy. 84 bridge closing

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

On Monday evening the Elba City Council briefly reviewed the monthly financial statement and shuddered over a report from the city clerk that Highway 84 will be closed at the Pea River bridge for three full days while flood gates are installed.

City Clerk Wayne Grantham explained it was decided by those making such decisions that closing the highway completely for three days would be less disruptive than the original plan of shutting it down one lane at the time for weeks on end.

Therefore, beginning at 6 a.m. on Tuesday, May 4th, and lasting until 6 p.m. Thursday,

May 6th, U. S. 84 will be completely closed to traffic. (Alternate routes are suggested elsewhere in this issue of the newspaper.)

Mayor James Grimes reported to council members that the city's finances are "still looking good". He noted there is more money coming in than budgeted. Local sales taxes are up by about \$81,000 above the same period last year.

Tobacco taxes are three times where they were for the same period last year. This is in part due to a tax increase voted in last year, but Grimes also noted that some suppliers were not previously paying taxes on anything but cigarettes. He assured

council members this has been corrected and will be monitored more closely.

Several departments are over their budgeted amounts Grimes said, but this is not an alarming factor in a budget the size of Elba's.

Council member Ronnie Hammond listed several problems with lights and equipment in the parks at the old Mulberry school and the smaller neighborhood park on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. He said they were in pretty good shape but could use some maintenance. Grimes accepted the list and promised to follow up with both Hammond and Councilman L. M. Burch.

## Jodee Rowe Thompson announces candidacy for District Judge

Jodee Rowe Thompson announces her candidacy for Coffee County District Judge.

Jodee, a life long resident of Coffee County, resides in Enterprise, Alabama. Her family has resided in the Coffee County area since the 1800's.

Jodee attended the Enterprise Public School System and graduated from Enterprise High School in 1987. She attended the University of Alabama and graduated in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Corporate Finance. Jodee attended Cumberland School of Law at Samford University and graduated with a Juris Doctor in 1994.

After graduation, Jodee returned to Enterprise and began practicing law with her father, Charles Warren Rowe. Jodee is a

third generation attorney, following in the footsteps of her father and also her grandfather, Braxton Bragg Rowe.

In 1996 Jodee married Greg Thompson, also a native of Coffee County. Jodee and Greg have two children

5 year old Stacy Lin and 3 year old Dyrar Warren.

Jodee takes pride in being very active in her profession. She is a member of the Alabama Bar Association, the Alabama State Bar Community Education Committee, and an active member of Coffee County youth held in State Detention Facilities by using increased alternatives to detention. Her plans are to accomplish this by bringing together legal advocates, youth-serving organizations, and citizens groups, such as parents and youth.

Jodee will initiate a more citizen friendly approach to the custody and dependency division of the District Court. She plans to be more open and receptive to what citizens of Coffee County and their youth want and need.

Jodee will also strive to make small claims court more self-representation friendly and insure more timely returned verdicts.

Jodee Rowe Thompson is not a politician. She is a wife and mother of two, who values the integrity of the Judicial System and all it represents. If elected she promises to be fair, impartial, and an advocate for children and families. Jodee promises to work hard and to uphold the standards that the fine citizens of Coffee County deserve.

## Area Happenings

**COFFEE COUNTY SCHOOLS** announce Kindergarten Registration Thursday, Apr. 29, at Kinston Elementary School and at Zion Chapel Elementary School. Registration will be from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m., and in order to enter kindergarten the child must be 5-years-old on or before Sept. 2, 2004. The child needs to attend registration to participate in various screenings. Parents should bring an original copy of the following - birth certificate, social security card, immunization record and proof of residency.

**THE COFFEE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD** will conduct a board meeting Monday, May 3, at 12 Noon, at the Coffee County Complex in New Brockton.

**ELBA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC CLUB** will meet Monday, May 3, at 7 p.m. in the locker room.

**THE COFFEE COUNTY HEALTH INITIATIVE WALK!** ALABAMA team will end Thursday, May 4, with a Wrap Up Celebration at the Harts Center Complex Community Room in New Brockton. Prizes will be awarded to Walk! Alabama team and individual winners.

**THE TOWN OF NEW BROCKTON** will observe the National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 6, at 11:45 a.m. in the Town Park. Area pastors and lay leaders will be leading prayers. The public is invited to attend.



**CLEANING UP.** A group from the Elba Work Release Center spent a recent Saturday morning picking up trash and debris in the Mulberry Heights area. City Councilman L. M. Burch volunteered the use of a truck and trailer to haul off the collected materials.